

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2010. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the above amendment, claim 11 is amended. Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the present application.

In the previous Office Action, claims 1-10 are allowed, and claims 11-14 are rejected over the prior art. To expedite the prosecution in the present application, independent claim 11 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed claim 1.

On August 5, 2010 a telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Collins. It was agreed that claim 11 would be allowable if amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 1. As indicated above, claim 11 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 1. Claims 12-14 depend from claim 11, and are therefore allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to enter the above amendment and pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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